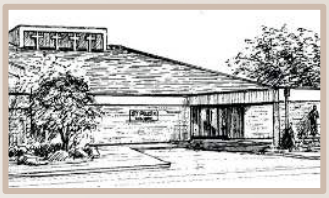
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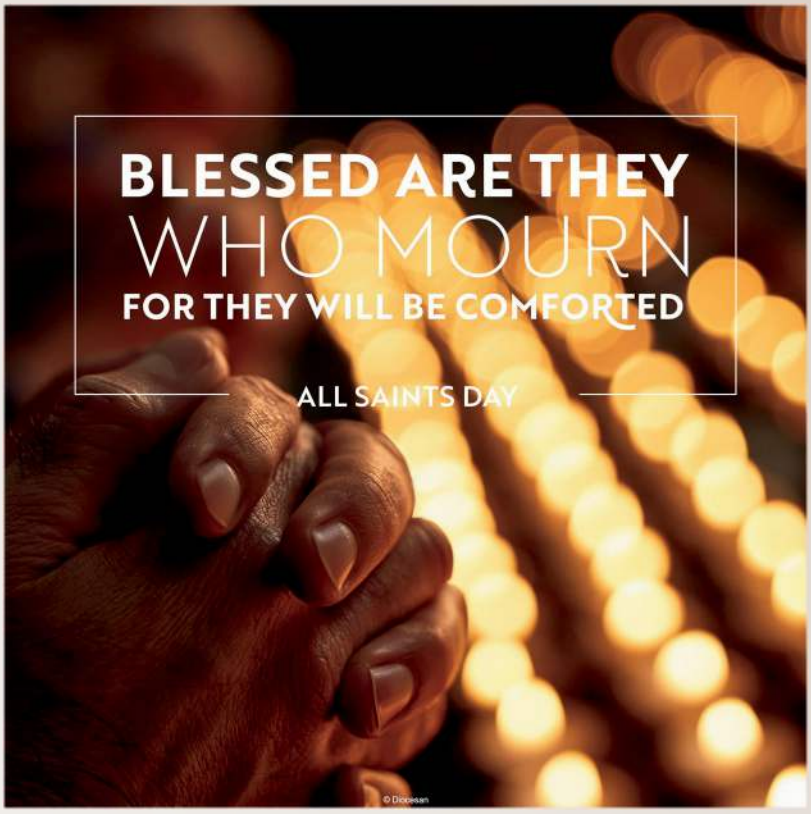
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November 1, 2026 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule
Saturday: Visitation at 4:00 p.m.; St. Pius X at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: Visitation at 8:30 a.m.; St. Pius X at 10:30 a.m.
Daily (weekday) Mass: Visitation at 7:00 a.m.

Pastor: The Very Rev. Paul A. Lisik, V.F.
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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, 11/2, ALL SOULS DAY
VISITATION 7:00 a.m. *All Souls*
ST. PIUS X 12 p.m. *All Souls*
ST. PIUS X 6 p.m. Mass of Remembrance *All Souls*

TUESDAY, 11/3 VISITATION 7:00 a.m.
Eugene J. Melego– wife, Shirley
Maryann Minick– Joe Minick

WEDNESDAY, 11/4 VISITATION 7:00 a.m.
George E. Niezgoda– Barbara & family

THURSDAY, 11/5 VISITATION 7:00 a.m.
Paul & Mary Hendricks– Jason & Jon Hendricks

FRIDAY, 11/6 VISITATION 7:00 a.m.
Michelle Jurkovic– family
Lori Tracy– Nancy Logan

SATURDAY, 11/7 VISITATION 4:00 p.m.
Margaret Forys, David Forys & Audrey Michal– Marlene Cibulas
ST. PIUS X 6 p.m.
Pro populo

SUNDAY, 11/8 VISITATION 8:30 a.m.
Dorothy Taylor– Marian & Tom Klocek
ST. PIUS X 10:30 a.m.
John L. Massaro– Massaro family

Confessions heard at Visitation every Saturday, beginning at 3:15 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month at St. Pius X, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

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Ministry of the Altar

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
Visitation 4:00 p.m.
Lector: Ray Gamrat
E.M.: Vince Mascia, Barb Sandzimier, Kate Bannon
Altar servers: Colton & Lauren G., Lily S.
Cantor: Kristen Felentzer

St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.
Lector: Kim Sirianna
E.M.: Sue Covalesky, Barb Dropik, Claudia E., Paul K.
Altar servers: volunteers
Cantor: Joanne Geckle

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
Visitation 8:30 a.m.
Lector: Stan Kapella
E.M.: JoAnn Maholtz, Denise Moyemont, Donna Z.
Altar servers: volunteers
Cantor: Sharon Stewart/choir

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.
Lector: Becky Czekaj-Dengler
E.M.: Dan & Cindy Copeland, Liz Croushore, Ted C.
Altar servers: Jaxon F., volunteers
Cantor: Pat Martinoski

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary– David Melder– Dennis & Diane Figg

Blessed Mother– Steve Klocek– Gertrude Klocek

St. Joseph– Michael Surovchak– Mary Ann Arrigo

Our Lady of Czestochowa– Mary Ross– family

Visitation

Sanctuary– Maryann Minick– Joe Minick

Blessed Mother– George E. Niezgoda– Barbara & family

St. Joseph– Charlotte Gonofsky– Diane Miller

Madonna & Child– Michelle Jurkovic– family

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Notes From Our Pastor, Fr. Paul



"There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands." The first reading at Mass, from the 7th chapter of the Book of Revelation, describes the reason for our glorious rejoicing. Agnes and Maria Goretti were only 12 when they were martyred; Anthony of the Desert died at 105. God's saints come in every size, shape, color and age. Some saints are remembered by name, but most are unknown to us. Known or unknown, honored or forgotten, they have one great thing in common: During their lives, all helped to announce the dominion of God. St. Bernard of Clairvaux said, "Calling to mind the saints arouses in us above all else a longing to enjoy their company." The idea of holding one feast to celebrate all holy women and men seems to have been born in the early centuries of Christianity. In 844, Pope Gregory IV set November 1 as the date for a festival in honor of all the saints. Historians tell us that there were pre-Christian feasts on this day: a pagan Roman festival for the fruit harvest, and the Celtic New Year—a celebration of the harvest and of the dead.

Whatever the reason, All Saints Day is a celebration perfectly suited to autumn. As we draw toward the end of the agricultural year, we celebrate God's great harvest of all people throughout history who have shown love to others. That's why All Saints and its holy eve, Halloween, are made bright with autumn fruits and flowers. That's why it's customary to celebrate with pumpkin carving and games. And that's why All Saints Day is begun with a night of trick or treating. People give and receive hospitality, the hallmark virtue of the saints. In the early years of the church, saints were proclaimed by members of their villages and towns. In about the 10th century the first canonizations took place. These were official statements by the pope that someone was clearly a saint. For the past several centuries the process of canonization has been a very thorough procedure involving years of investigation and reflection. The number of canonized saints is relatively small. And yet the martyrology, the list of the saints, includes over 10,000 names! But today is something far more than a remembrance of the good people who lived on earth. We rejoice in the communion of saints. We're part of this communion. All creation is united in the Spirit.

ALL SOULS' This is the day we set aside to pray for all the dead who have gone before us. Christians dead and living are all one body. Our love and work on earth can be a blessing to those who have died, just as their love is a blessing for the living. All Souls Day preparations vary from place to place: graves are weeded and decorated, cemeteries are filled with burning candles, or donations are made to charities. In Latin America, the Day of the Dead isn't gloomy or sad. It's filled with life! Vendors sell candies in the shapes of skulls, skeletons and coffins. A long time ago in England, people went from door to door on this day and begged for "soul cakes." The people sang a carol, "Soul, soul, soul cake! Please, good people, a soul cake! One for Peter, two for Paul, three for God who made us all." This is how the custom of trick-or-treating probably started. For many Christians in the Mediterranean, on All Souls the dead arrive with gifts. Children receive treats so that they're happy to be visited by the dead, and many set up shrines for the dead. All Souls reminds us that it's good to speak about the dead, to remember and to pray. The church continues the remembrance throughout the month of November and into Advent. We ask God to hasten the time when life will be lived in all its fullness and death itself will die.

The Masses on All Souls' Day will be celebrated at Visitation at 7 a.m. and at St. Pius X at noon. We'll read the roll call & light candles at the 6 p.m. Mass at St. Pius X, for all of our parishioners who have died since October 21, 2025. Please remember especially the deceased listed below from St. Pius X and Visitation Parishes:

George Durik
Marsha McGinnis
Michael Fiesta
Dustin Smetak
Christine Hull
Dennis Ochaba
Betty Conty
Jeffrey Howard
Letitia Barnhart

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Richard Pazer, Sr.
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What's New?



SLOVAK DINNER, sponsored by VISITATION PARISH!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st
Read below for more details...

If you can't make Visitation's Slovak dinner on November 1st, you'll still be able to purchase tickets for the 50/50 or the gift auction! Stop in the social hall after the 4 p.m. Mass on Sat., Oct. 31st, or after the 8:30 a.m. on Sun., Nov. 1st. 26 chances for $5! You need not be present to win. Help support us! Just a reminder: cost of an adult dinner will be $18; $9 for a children's meal. Piroghi, haluski, halupki and more! Looking forward to seeing you from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.



AQUINAS ACADEMY LOTTERY CALENDARS For sale at St. Pius X after Masses on the weekend of November 7/8, and at Visitation after Masses on the weekend of November 14/15. $14,000 in lottery winnings, local business coupons, and original Aquinas Academy student artwork! $25 per calendar!! Thanks for your support!!!

Visitation Christian Mothers will be selling Colebrook Candy for Christmas. Order forms will be available in the back of both churches. The order forms, along with payment, are due Monday, November 9th. Check should be made payable to "Visitation Christian Mothers." Order forms may be dropped off at the parish office. The candy orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, December 12th, in the Visitation hall from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thank you!

14th ANNUAL VERNA MONTESSORI (VMS) ITALIAN DINNER Sunday, Nov. 15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Pius X social hall. Come and enjoy Sr. Lucy's famous meatballs, authentic Italian sauce, spaghetti, salad, fresh-baked Italian bread, homemade desserts and a beverage, all for just $15 per dinner and $8 for children ages 8 and under. A fabulous basket raffle & 50/50 drawing will take place during the dinner. Take-out available. Please join us!





VISITATION ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY They will be having their annual pre-Thanksgiving bake sale on Saturday, November 21 after the 4 p.m. Mass & Sunday, November 22 from 8 a.m. until noon. Members please bring baked goods to the social hall on Saturday after 1 p.m. If you would like to help on either day, call Cathy or Dan at 724-547-9629.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, in Immaculate Conception's social hall, Connellsville, on Sunday, Nov. 1st! Hours are 7:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is $8 for adults and $3 for children 10 and under.

ST. PIUS X Holy Name Society's all-you-can-eat omelet breakfast on SUNDAY, November 8 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parish social hall. Cost is $10 for adults, $3 for children 3-12 and under 3 will be free. There will be a 50/50



GEIBEL CATHOLIC JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL If you're curious about what the Geibel Catholic family has to offer and how Catholic schools can make a difference, read the following! Options abound, so please call the office at 724-628-5600 to schedule a private tour at any time or to register for upcoming events. For instance, students in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate in *Discover Geibel Day* on Thursday, November 12 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. An open house will be held on February 11, 2027, 6-8 p.m., for students in any grade level! Geibel is proud to offer a variety of classes within a college-prep curriculum, daily prayers, sacraments, clubs, sports, and opportunities to serve as Christ would! Geibel Catholic is willing and ready to nurture your child's mind, heart and soul. Rooted in faith, grounded in academic excellence and committed to developing future leaders, come see how our Christ-centered community can help your student grow, spiritually, socially and intellectually!

ST. JOSPEH, EVERSON The St. Joseph Holy Name Society will have a Polish Food & Spirits Night on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Food will be available from 3-7 p.m. in the St. Joseph school hall. The bar will be open from 4 p.m. until midnight.

StPX HOLIDAY FOOD SALE Friday, Nov. 20, Saturday, Nov. 21 & Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the social hall. Homemade pierogies (frozen) $14/dozen; Halushki $6/quart; ready-to-bake pizzas $16 for pepperoni, $15 for cheese. Your holiday meal prayers have been answered! We appreciate your support.

The Order of Christian Funerals and Cremated Bodies

Since a vast number of people are requesting the cremation of their remains after death, the Bishops of the United States have stated the Church's official teaching on this subject. Although cremation is now permitted, it doesn't enjoy the same value as burial of the body. Catholic teaching continues to stress the preference for burial entombment of the body of the deceased. Likewise, the Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for its funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values that cremation should take place following the funeral liturgy. However, when circumstances prevent the presence of the body at the Funeral Liturgy, the committee believes that it's appropriate that the cremated remains of the body be present for the full course of the funeral rites, including the Vigil for the Deceased, the Funeral Liturgy and the Rite of Committal. The cremated remains should be entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium; they may also be buried in a common grave in a cemetery. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the seas, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home are not the reverent disposition the Church requires.

Pope Leo XIV, Angelus, All Saints' Day (2025)

"Sisters and brothers, the mystery of the communion of saints, which we breathe in deeply today, reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together in the love of God, present in all, recognizing and admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ."

Thanksgiving Day

It will be celebrated this year on Thursday, November 26, 2026. There will be one Mass for our parish family on that day at 9 a.m. at St. Pius X. Please make plans to give God priority on our day of thanks.

Catholic Relief Services

Advocacy is incredibly important because public policies affect real people. There are many ways to advocate. You can send a message to Congress, make a phone call, meet with congressional staff or encourage others in your community to take action. You do not need special training or experience to get started. CRS provides resources and prewritten messages to help you speak up for policies that protect life and support vulnerable people. Members of Congress rely on hearing from their constituents to understand what matters to the people they represent. Sharing your perspective helps lawmakers understand how their decisions affect real people and communities. Your voice can make a difference. Visit www.crs.org for more information on how you can advocate for the neediest of our world! Thank you for your support!



Please pray for those who have recently died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Join us every Wednesday to pray the rosary for peace: 11:30 a.m. at St. Pius X.

OUR PRAYER LIST:

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Please pray for those actively serving in our armed forces:

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Jacob & Alex Shafley
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James Dzurica
Jared Yester
Benjamin T. Melego, AF
Logan Paul Melego, US Navy
Miles Kuchar, USMC



May God guide & protect them always.

DEAR FRIEND IN CHRIST,

Pope Saint John Paul II made 250 pastoral trips to 117 countries during his papacy: more than the 263 popes before him combined. The sheer number of his travels, writings, audiences, and canonizations tells a story worth reading: 85 letters, 15 assemblies of the Synod of Bishops, 147 Masses to beatify 1,338 people, 51 Masses canonizing 482 saints, and 2 attempts on his life. But one thing especially stands out. In his letter *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, John Paul II recalled with emotion the number of Masses he had celebrated around the world—from those in his first parish church to the sprawling outdoor papal Masses in city squares and open fields around the world. "This varied scenario of celebrations of the Eucharist," he wrote, "has given me a powerful experience of its universal and, so to speak, cosmic character. Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world." John Paul II peered into the mystery of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and saw the whole world there. If God the Son has chosen to take on human nature, then our collective human experience is somehow reflected in that little white host. Sorrow and joy, frailty and strength, death and life—it is all here, known and embraced by the heart of a God who longs to weave it into our story of salvation. When John Paul II held the Eucharist in his hands at Mass, raising the Lamb of God over the "altar of the world," he saw the Redeemer standing as though slain, offering his life to the Father for us all. Such was the Eucharistic amazement that animated Saint Pope John Paul II, whose feast day was on October 22nd. As we celebrated this holy pope, may his prayers obtain for us a similar amazement at Christ's greatest gift to us: the living sacrament of the Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

In Jesus, our Way, Truth, and Life, *The Daughters of St. Paul*

WEEKLY OFFERTORY– October 18, 2026

Visitation Parish

Weekly	$3,682
Capital improvements	$20
Growing	$45
All Saints Day	$35
All Souls' Day	$60
World Mission Sunday	$617
Online giving	$525
Total Envelopes: - -	

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly	$4,942
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RECORD-BREAKING RUMMAGE SALE!

Before each of our last few sales, I often wondered if there could possibly be any items left in our town for the community to donate. Yet the volume of donations for this sale exceeded that of every previous year, resulting in record-breaking profits; to date we have reached $6,327. Our members were overwhelmed with appreciation and gratitude. We thank everyone for keeping us in mind and rallying to support us. Our clothing and rummage sales are Becoming increasingly popular throughout the community. On opening night, the line to enter stretched down the side of the community center, across the parking lot, and toward the neighboring home. We were amazed! Finally, a special thank you to the many members and their families who helped set up and run the rummage sale. Some members spent many days unloading the large volume of donations, pricing items, and assisting throughout the sale. A specific thank you is extended to Brendan Baird, Lauren Golobish, and Logan Cardellino for helping with the set up and tear down of the sale. Without everyone's generous help, our sales could never be as successful as they are!

Sincerely, Jan



NOVEMBER The name for the 11th month really means "the ninth month." In the ancient Roman calendar November was the ninth month because the year began in March. In church tradition, November is a month to remember the dead and to pray for them. The month begins with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. Either in the last days of November or the first days of December, the season of Advent begins. In folklore, November had a strange name. It was called "Gossamer," which means "goose summer." That meant something like Indian Summer, which is a time of warm weather after the first frost. St. Martin's Day, the 11th day of the 11th month, was a time to feast on roast goose. Perhaps that's where "goose summer" comes from.

ELECTION DAY Tuesday, Nov. 3 is Election Day. Every fourth year on this day in the U.S., people choose their next president. Every second year, some U.S. senators & members of the House of Representatives are chosen. Many local elections are held, too. As Catholic citizens, we have a moral obligation to participate in the political process. There are many resources that serve to educate voters about issues & allow us to inform our consciences about who will act in the best interest of the common good. Please exercise your gift of voting in this country and head to the polls!

ST. MARTIN de PORRES, religious 1579-1639

The birth certificate of Martin de Porres said "father unknown." In fact, Martin's father was a wealthy Spanish noble. But Lima, Peru, where Martin was born, was a segregated city. The Spanish had enslaved native Indians and kidnapped blacks from Africa to work in the mines and plantations. The city of Lima was composed of the homes of rich conquistadors (conquerors), surrounded by slums crowded with poor people, including blacks and native Indians. Martin's mother was black. Martin's father abandoned his wife and children. So Martin and his sister, Juana, lived in poverty for the early years of their lives. By the time Martin was 12, he had become the apprentice of a local barber. At 15 he volunteered to be a *donado* or lay helper at a Dominican monastery in Lima. He was given responsibility for jobs no one else wanted. At age 24, Martin became a brother, but he continued to do the simplest tasks. Brother Martin fed many needy people each day with the monastery's leftovers. He began a home for abandoned street children. He planted orchards for the poor on unused land. Martin died of a fever at age 60. People of every race turned out together to mourn him. The poor considered him their hero. He is the patron saint of interracial justice.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, bishop 1538-1584

Charles Borromeo was born into a life of wealth and high status. When he was only 12 years old, his uncle, who would later become Pope Pius IV, gave him title to valuable church properties. At age 22, Charles was named a cardinal! However, Charles was also a hard-working student who already had earned his doctorate by the time he became cardinal. He lived in Rome, where Pope Pius gave him many responsibilities. One of Charles's greatest accomplishments was the work he did for the Council of Trent, an attempt by Catholic leaders to correct the wrongs named by the Protestants. The Council had been suspended, but upon Charles's insistence was reopened. Many important reforms resulted. When Charles was 25, he made a retreat based on the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius. He experienced a deep change in his spirit and began to live a life of strict poverty. Soon he became the bishop of Milan. Almost no religious education existed then, but Charles wanted everyone, especially children, to understand their faith. He began the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and soon had trained enough catechists to teach 40,000 students. He also made himself available to the poor and needy. After a famine in Milan, from his own money he kept thousands of people fed for three months. Charles Borromeo died at age 46. He is a patron saint of catechists and catechumens.

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